

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Striker on 8/14/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13, line 4, "element 54" has been changed to - -element (54)- -.

Claim 13, line 5, "60" has been changed to - -(60)- -.

Claim 13, line 5, "housing 12" has been changed to - -housing (12)- -.

The amendments above are required, since reference numerals in claims must be presented within parentheses.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 6/19/2008 has been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 and 5-13 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose or render obvious eccentric gearing wherein the gearing housing includes a body made of plastic, and a cover, each of which is fastened

to an axial side of the fastening flange, in combination with the other elements required by independent claim 1.

The prior art does not disclose or render obvious eccentric gearing wherein the fastening flange includes radial segments that engage in first radial recesses of the coupling element to guide the motion of the coupling element relative to the fastening flange along the first line, in combination with the other elements required by independent claim 7.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWIN A. YOUNG whose telephone number is (571)272-4781. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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